CLAIMS

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- 1. A method of inhibiting lung tumorigenesis in a mammal in need thereof, which method comprises administering to the mammal an effective amount of a conjugate of an isothiocyanate at the post-initiation stages of tumor growth.
- 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the isothiocyanate is selected from the group consisting of phenethyl isothiocyanate; benzyl isothiocyanate; methyl isothiocyanate; ethyl isothiocyanate; propyl isothiocyanate; isopropyl isothiocyanate; n-butyl 10 isothiocyanate; t-butyl isothiocyanate; s-butyl isothiocyanate; pentyl isothiocyanate; hexyl isothiocyanate; heptyl isothiocyanate; octyl isothiocyanate; nonyl isothiocyanate; decyl isothiocyanate; undecane isothiocyanate; phenyl isothiocyanate; o-tolyl isothiocyanate; 2-fluorophenyl isothiocyanate; 3-fluorophenyl isothiocyanate; 4-fluorophenyl isothiocyanate; 2-nitrophenyl isothiocyanate; 3-nitrophenyl isothiocyanate; 4-nitrophenyl isothiocyanate; 2-chlorophenyl isothiocyanate; 2-15 bromophenyl isothiocyanate; 3-chlorophenyl isothiocyanate; 3-bromophenyl isothiocyanate; 4-chlorophenyl isothiocyanate; 2,4-dichlorophenyl isothiocyanate; R-(+)-alpha-methylbenzyl isothiocyanate; S-(-)-alpha-methylbenzyl isothiocyanate; 3isoprenyl-alpha, alpha-dimethylbenzyl isothiocyanate; trans-2-phenylcyclopropyl isothiocyanate; 1,3-bis(isothiocyanatomethyl)-benzene; 1,3-bis(1-isothiocyanato-1-20 methylethyl)benzene; 2-ethylphenyl isothiocyanate; benzoyl isothiocyanate; 1naphthyl isothiocyanate; benzoyl isothiocyanate; 4-bromophenyl isothiocyanate; 2methoxyphenyl isothiocyanate; m-tolyl isothiocyanate; alpha, alpha, alpha-trifluorom-tolyl isothiocyanate; 3-fluorophenyl isothiocyanate; 25 3-bromophenyl isothiocyanate; 1,4-phenylene diisothiocyanate; 1-isothiocyanato-4-(trans-4-propylcyclohexyl)benzene; 1-(trans-4-hexylcyclohexyl)-4isothiocyanatobenzene; 1-isothiocyanato-4-(trans-4-octylcyclohexyl) benzene; 2methylbenzyl isothiocyanate; 2-chlorobenzo isothiocyanate; 3-chlorobenzo isothiocyanate; 4-chlorobenzo isothiocyanate; m-toluyl isothiocyanate; and p-toluyl 30 isothiocyanate.
 - 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the isothiocyanate is selected from the group consisting of phenethyl isothiocyanate, benzyl isothiocyanate, and sulforaphane.

- 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the conjugate is a thiol conjugate.
- 5. The method of claim 4 wherein the thiol is selected from the group consisting of L-Cys, Glutathione, and N-acetyl-L-cysteine conjugates.
 - 6. The method of claim 4 wherein the thiol is a N-acetyl-L-cysteine.
 - 7. The method of claim 1 wherein the mammal is a human.

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- 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the human is selected form the group consisting of smokers, ex-smokers, workers exposed to second-hand smoke, and chemical plant workers.
- 15 9. The method of claim 1 wherein the administration is oral.
 - 10. The method of claim 1 wherein the conjugate is administered orally as a tablet or a capsule.
- 20 11. The method of claim 1 wherein the amount administered is 20-80 mg, two to three times daily.
 - 12. The method of claim 1 wherein the tumor growth is malignant or non-malignant.
- A method of inhibiting lung tumorigenesis in a human in need thereof, which method comprises oral administration of 20-80 mg capsules of PEITC-NAC, two to three times daily, at the post-initiation stages of tumor growth.
- 14. A method of inhibiting lung tumorigenesis in a mammal in need thereof, which
 30 method comprises administering to a human an effective amount of phenethyl
 isothiocyanate NAC conjugate at the post-initiation stages of cancer.
 - 15. A pharmaceutical formulation comprising an isothiocyanate conjugate and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

- 16. A pharmaceutical formulation of claim 15, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is a USP grade buffered solution.
- 5 17. A pharmaceutical formulation of claim 15, wherein the isothiocyanate conjugate is selected from the group consisting of phenethyl isothiocyanate-NAC, benzyl isothiocyanate-NAC, and sulforaphane-NAC.